

Bryce Yokomizo Director

April 7, 2003

TO:

**Each Supervisor** 

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FROM:

Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION OF THE CHILD CARE TRAINING

INSTITUTE CONTRACT

This is to inform you that due to the anticipated budget shortfall for Fiscal Year 2003-04, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) will not renew the Child Care Training Institute (CCTI) contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), which is set to expire June 30, 2003.

The CCTI is an educational program offered by LACOE's division of Parent and Community Services. Through our contract, the institute offers a series of workshops on how to operate a private child care business including training on how to deliver quality child care services.

On February 16, 1999, your Board approved a contract with LACOE to develop and implement a CCTI. Your Board renewed the contract on July 5, 2000, and again on June 5, 2001. The latest renewal delegated authority to the Director of DPSS to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods. The first one-year extension, via a contract amendment, was executed on June 26, 2002, and runs from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. We will not exercise the second one-year option to extend this contract.

During the past four years, our funding allowed us to contract for this training program which educated child care providers so they could improve their services. However, our current fiscal picture does not allow us to continue this program. In order to ensure we have sufficient funds to pay child care providers for our Welfare-to-Work participants who are currently participating in Stage 1 Child Care Services Program, we are redirecting the funds (\$550,000) freed up with this contract termination to Stage 1 Child Care.

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LACOE has been notified of this decision.

BY:va

c: Chief Administrative Officer Auditor-Controller County Counsel LACOE Superintendent